

**South Carolina Department of Social Services
ABC CHILD CARE VOUCHER SYSTEM
CHILD CARE OPTIONS**

- You may choose a provider from the enhanced provider listing enclosed. These providers are enrolled in the ABC Child Care Voucher System as enhanced providers and have volunteered to meet quality standards of the ABC System. These programs have chosen to meet higher staff training requirements, to have more staff to supervise and care for the children, to have planned activities for children and are regularly checked by an ABC System monitor. To choose child care at a facility on the enclosed enhanced provider listing, you must have the provider you choose to complete the blue connection card and submit it to the ABC Voucher System.

You may also choose:

- Care from a licensed center or group day care home including a licensed or registered family day care home.
- A child care center or group home operated by a local church congregation or established religious denomination that is licensed.
- Care through a relative or friend; **the person must be at least 21 years old.**

NOTES:

If you choose a licensed center, remember that it must be licensed to serve children the age of your child.

Ask the provider if the weekly rate they charge is higher than the maximum weekly rate the ABC Child Care Program will pay. If you choose a provider whose weekly rate is higher than the ABC Child Care Program rate, you must pay the difference between the two rates. The provider may charge extra fees for activities or late pick-up charges.

Clients receiving services under Child Protective Services or Foster Care may choose only licensed facilities or programs.

If you are interested in child care arrangements not included on the enclosed enhanced provider listing, you must have the process completed through the local DSS county supportive services specialist.